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SUBJECT: INDPENDENT DAILY PREDICTS RULING PARTY ANNUAL
MEETING WILL BLAME U.S. AND UK FOR ZIMBABWE'S WOES

1. Under headline "U.S., Britain will predictably dominate ZANU PF conference" the independent daily "The Daily News" dedicated its November 23 editorial to declaring that the United States and Britain could "come under fire because of their talk of 'regime change' at the ZANU PF congress to be held in Chinhoyi next month. Excerpts.
2. ". . . The outcome of the Chinhoyi conference is almost predictable. Britain and the United States of America will dominate the deliberations. The United Kingdom and the U.S. will come under fire because of their talk of 'regime change.' There are sufficient indicators of what the conference focus will be. the stand-off with the Americans over the shooting of Richard Gilman, a U.S. national, and the assault of U.S. Embassy officials by war veterans, as well as the allegations of a secret document by British intelligence, working with the opposition. . . ."

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